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Supplemental Preliminary Amendment

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

The present application is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/678,091, filed on October 6, 2003, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/059,187 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,665,508), filed on January 31, 2002.

Claims 51-90 are currently pending. Claim 1 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 51-90 are added by the present amendment. Applicants respectfully submit that support for new claims 51-90 is self-evident from the disclosure as originally filed, including the figures and the claims. For example, Applicants' Figure 6 illustrates a movable piston 32a that is configured to move in a through hole 27 and that has a diameter D1 equal to the diameter D1 of the nozzle 51.¹ No new subject matter is introduced by the foregoing amendment.

Figures 5, 7, and 9 are amended to correct minor typographical errors. Specifically, Figures 5, 7, and 9 are amended to replace the label "57" with the label "75", referring to the stop 75 described in Applicants' specification at least from page 21, line 25, to page 22, line 19. Also, Figures 5 and 7 are amended to replace the label "63" with the label "73", referring to the spring 73 described in Applicants' specification at least at page 21, lines 16-24. No new subject matter is introduced to the drawings by these changes.

¹ See also Applicants' specification from page 13, line 23, to page 14, line 5.

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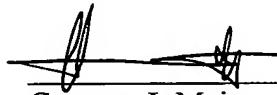
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Accordingly, examination of the present application on the merits is believed to be in order. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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